

Thank you to all members who attended our Annual Meeting this year. New members are always welcome. Membership dues are \$5 per person per year. Checks may be mailed to: Joe Downing 145 Varney Rd. Gilmanton Iron Works, N.H. 03837 .

Annual Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2019
Crystal Lake Association

Call to Order:

The Annual Meeting was called to order at the Rainbo Club Clubhouse at 9:42 am by President Deb Fitzgerald. Forty members were in attendance, including five board members.

A moment of silence was called for those CLA members who passed away over the past year. Those remembered included: Dave Reifsnnyder, Dick Rice, Ed Bartlett and Dave Burdett. We will miss their presence in the Crystal Lake community.

Secretary's Report:

Highlights from the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes were reviewed by Denise Tiralla. Deb Fitzgerald requested any additions, deletions or changes necessary to the minutes. Without comment from the membership, she made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Joe Downing and the minutes were accepted by those present.

Treasurer's Report:

Joe Downing stated that the treasurer's report was listed in the recent CLA newsletter and highlighted the expenses and income over the past year.

CLA Treasurer's Report Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Beginning Balance: (5-29-18) \$2,995.73

Expenses:

CLA water testing supplies	\$ 110.00
Photocopying	\$ 17.60
NH Lakes membership	\$ 250.00
<u>USPS postal box</u>	<u>\$ 54.00</u>
Total expenses:	\$ 911.60

Credits:

CLA Member Dues:	\$ 590.00
<u>Member Gift:</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Total credits:	\$ 1,590.00

Current Balance (6-10-19): \$ 4,154.13

Joe concluded his comments by acknowledging that several members have tried to mail their dues to the PO box recently without success. He has been to the Post Office several times to rectify the situation and hopes that everything is back in service now. Don Welch made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Mike Krebbs seconded the motion and the motion carried among those in attendance.

Water Testing Report:

Mike Krebbs acknowledged that the Volunteer Lake Assessment Program results were attached to the recent newsletter that was emailed to members. Overall the numbers look very good and are consistent with prior years' reports. It was noted however, that the town beach at the Crystal Lake Ball Park is closed by the Department of Environmental Services due to high e-coli numbers. Mike said this number has varied over the course of the past 10 to 12 years with it being good 73% of the time and 27% having concerning levels of the bacteria. In 2018 Nine tests were completed showing good results. Mike went on to explain the e-coli number is driven by conditions of water fowl feces, run off from properties, clear cutting foliage and human activity at the beach. He passed out a DES fact

sheet suggesting many ways to keep Crystal Lake healthy. These tips included: Homeowners controlling run off by maintaining a buffer zone of natural vegetation along the shore; proper septic system maintenance; use of "phosphorus free" cleaning products; limited use of lawn fertilizer within 30' of the shore; brush should not be burned on ice or shore; Human and pet waste in the lake increases dangerous bacteria levels; geese or other aquatic organisms should not be fed, there are plenty of naturally occurring food sources in the lake for wildlife; powerful outboard motors should run slowly in shallow water (to reduce turbidity and cyanobacteria growth which eventually reduces transparency.)

Mike also noted there continues to be a State advisory against eating fish from the lake due to mercury. Jean Martin commented that this advisory is based upon 10-year-old data. The advisory continues to be in place even though it is based on old data. In order to update this information 12 to 20 fish of at least 5" in length and of varying species need to be collected, frozen and transported to Concord for testing. All details regarding this process is located on the DES website if there is an individual or group of individuals willing to collect fish to update this data. The use of lead weights is illegal in the state of NH. Mike brought several examples of leadless weights that legal and safe to the loon population. It was noted that there is a large population of 17 geese on the lake this year. Don Gagnon made a motion to accept Mike Krebs report, Don Welch seconded the motion and it was so carried.

New Hampshire Lakes Congress Report:

In Susie Burdett's absence, Deb Fitzgerald reviewed Suzie's findings that were posted on the Crystal Lake Facebook page. The lake congress discussed ways to avoid invasive plant species, educate boaters on removal of weeds before entering new bodies of water and the effects of climate change on lake habitats.

Old Business:

- Crystal Lake Bridge at Nelson Brook – Construction Project Update:

Deb Fitzgerald reported that the construction project is now scheduled to begin in September 2021 and be completed by November 2021. The engineering firm Hoyle and Tanner have developed a preliminary design and are collecting permits for the project with NHDES. They are proposing to put out construction bids in November 2020 and open bids in December 2020. The project has been delayed due to State funding. There should be another public meeting once the project is a little further along ..most likely in the Fall. Mike Krebs added further details about the bridge after attending a meeting with the engineers. The new bridge will be 4 feet wider and be 36 feet long with painted lines distinguishing pedestrian access on either side. Barrier walls will be made of cubes of stone. The bridge will be out of service for 75 days. Phyliss Danby added that the fire chief confirmed that emergency response will not be affected during the construction process. Jean Martin attended one of the meetings and requested speed tables be incorporated to slow traffic on the road. Questions and comments from the membership included: Will the design be aesthetically pleasing? The bridge often sits in view during sunsets on the lake and many members are interested in making sure the bridge is visually appealing. Will snow mobile access continue to be available? There is a path on one side of the bridge that allows snowmobilers to access the NH trail system. Will the pedestrian portion of the bridge be handicap accessible? Will trees or bushes that are removed for the project be replanted? Joe Downing made a motion to begin an exploration committee to take questions and concerns of the group to the engineering firm/selectman. The motion was seconded and the motion was carried. Twenty-eight members in attendance voted to pursue further discussion/sub-committee regarding the bridge construction project. The following members volunteered to be part of the sub-committee: Dawn Gagnon, Deb Fitzgerald, Angela Casazza, Chuck Joyce, Jim Willett, Jay Michael and Joe Downing. Fourteen members present agreed to make a financial contribution to the beautification efforts for the bridge. Elizabeth Bikowski suggested two acronyms for the sub-committee: N.aturally A.ttracted T.o S.unsets committee or B.ridge R.econstruction I.mproved D.esign for the G.ood of E.veryone committee. (N.A.T.'S B.R.I.D.G.E.) Time is of the essence, so the sub-committee will meet soon to organize plans to discuss with selectman/engineers.

New Business:

Member Questions/Concerns:

- Linda Cordileone asked why there was so much sand on the roads this year. There were incredible amounts on the road this spring needing to be cleaned-up. A discussion ensued about the icy conditions on Crystal Lake Road over the winter and the amount of water drainage onto the road that required extra plowing and created dangerous conditions for travel. These conditions required more sand use. It was suggested that this topic be brought up with the road agent to understand why there is so much water draining onto the roads. In the discussion it was noted that there was no sand clean-up on Varney Road this year.
- John Cordileone asked if the CLA would be interested in spending money to create a Lake map noting points of interest and geographic markers around the lake, such as Bennett's point, Nat's bridge, etc. A motion was made and seconded to spend money to create such a map. The motion passed and Joe Downing said he would explore vendors to create the map.
- Mike Krebb's asked if it was possible to send out the CLA newsletter by Memorial Day next year, timing the publication with the beginning of summer. This will allow members to coordinate CLA events into their summer calendars. Dawn Gagnon made a motion to send out the newsletter by Memorial Day. The motion was seconded by Phyllis Danby. The motion carried. Water test results will be sent at a later date.
- Denise Tiralla asked if there was any interest from year-round residents for a monthly social gathering through the winter months. Many members agreed. Paige Rogers and Denise Tiralla will work on sending out communication regarding winter gatherings.

Nomination of Officers:

Deb Fitzgerald requested nominations for position of president as her term ended in 2018. She has already completed two terms on the board. No volunteers stepped forward. Deb stated she would be willing to serve one more term if the majority of the membership agreed to this condition. A motion was made and seconded and those present agreed on Deb's nomination for one more year. Dawn Gagnon suggested that there be a "shadow president" for one year, allowing someone to understand the ins and outs of the position. No one stepped up to volunteer. President's Address- Deb Fitzgerald noted many happenings around the lake this year that were new...town wide yard sale, ice carousel created by the Rainbo Club, snapping turtle egg nest at the town park, and two baby loons. She went on to highlight the dates of CLA sponsored events through the end of summer. It was noted the tennis tournament will be held July 20 at 9am at Maher's court on Crystal Lake Rd. Volunteers and donations are still needed for the Labor Day Fair at the Crystal Lake Ball Park on August 31st. Anyone wishing to volunteer or donate should contact Joe Downing.

Next Year's meeting : A motion was made and seconded to hold next year's annual meeting on **Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 9:30 am** the motion carried among those present.

Adjournment of Meeting: Deb Fitzgerald made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jean Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:06am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Tiralla

Secretary